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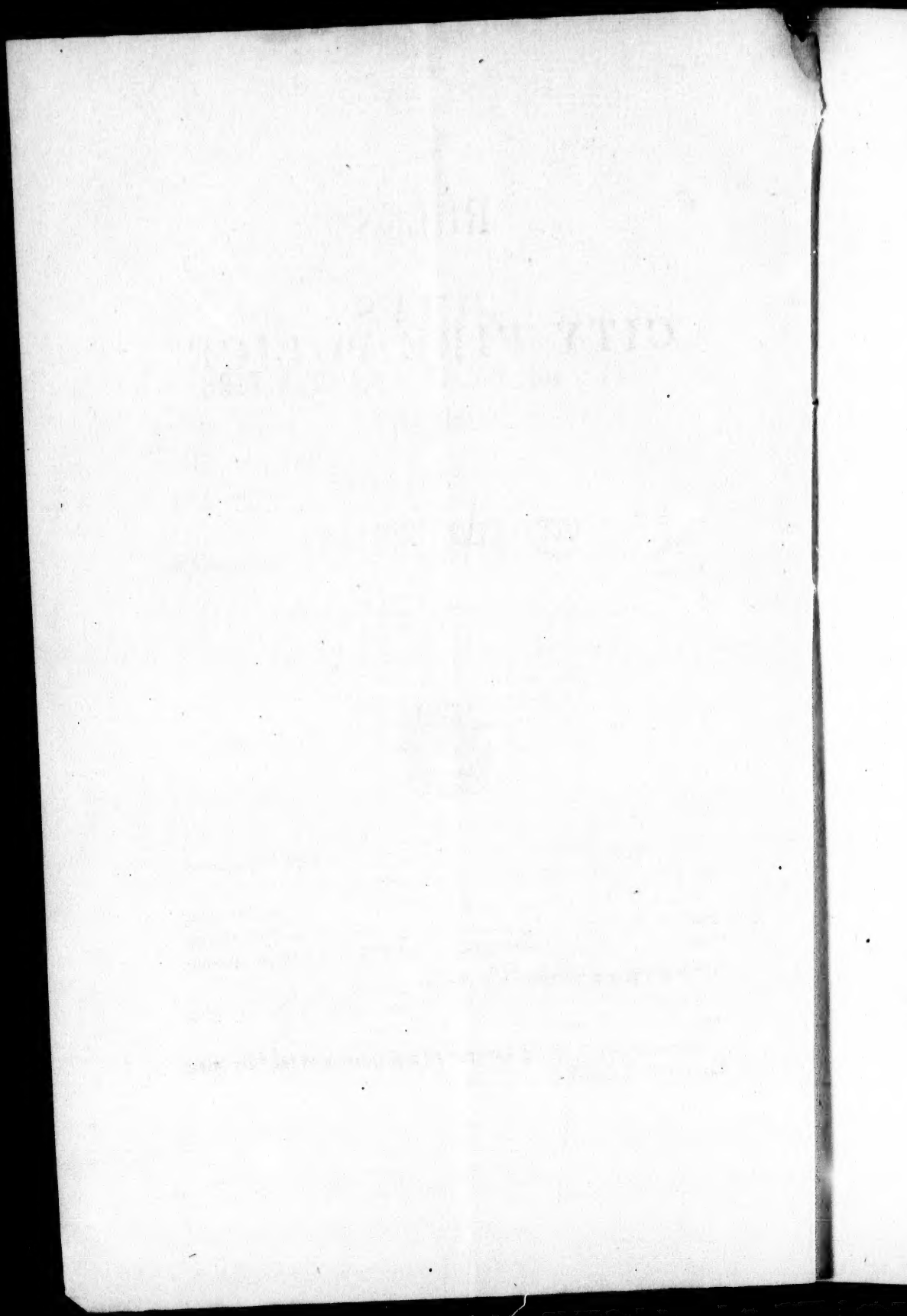
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### **STATIONS.**

The Stations of the CITY FIRE-POLICE shall be enumerated as follows :—

- No. 1—Central Station, Craig Street.
- No. 2—Court-House Square.
- No. 3—Wellington Street.
- No. 4—Chaboillez Square.
- No. 5—St. Catherine Street.
- No. 6—German Street.
- No. 7—Dalhousie Square.
- No. 8—Visitation Street.

### **DISTRICTS.**

For the greater convenience of operating the Fire Department, the City shall be divided into three Districts.

DISTRICT No. 1—Shall comprise all that part of the City lying west of St. Denis and Bonsecours Streets, and east of George Street, Dupré Lane, Monique Street, and McGill-College Avenue, and from City Boundary to the River.

DISTRICT No. 2—Shall comprise all that portion of the City lying west of No. 1 District.

DISTRICT No. 3—Shall comprise all that portion of the City lying east of No. 1 District.

The Fire-Police and Signal Stations included within the boundaries of the several Districts will be as follows:—

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

| <i>Fire Stations.</i>             | <i>Apparatus.</i>             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| No. 1.—Central .....              | { Hose,<br>Hooks and Ladders. |
| No. 2.—Court-House Square ..      | Hose.                         |
| No. 5.—St. Catherine Street ..... | { Hose,<br>Engine.            |
| No. 6.—German Street .....        | { Hcse.<br>Engine.            |

#### *Signal Stations.*

Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 24, 26, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52.

#### DISTRICT No. 2.

| <i>Fire Stations.</i>          | <i>Apparatus.</i>                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| No. 3.—Wellington Street ..... | { Engine.<br>Hose,<br>Hooks and Ladders. |
| No. 4.—Chaboillez Square ..... | Hose.                                    |

#### *Signal Stations.*

Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, and 64.

#### DISTRICT No. 3.

| <i>Fire Stations.</i>          | <i>Apparatus.</i>                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| No. 7.—Dalhousie Square .....  | Hose.                                    |
| No. 8.—Visitation Street ..... | { Hose,<br>Engine,<br>Hooks and Ladders. |

#### *Signal Stations.*

Nos. 2, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, and 63.

# ORGANISATION OF STATIONS.

## No. 1—CENTRAL STATION.

One Guardian, 1st.  
One Guardian, 2nd.  
Two Drivers.

## No. 2—COURT HOUSE.

One Guardian.  
One Assistant Guardian.  
One Driver.

## No. 3—WELLINGTON STREET.

One Guardian.  
One Assistant Guardian.  
One Driver.

## No. 4—CHABOILLEZ SQUARE.

One Guardian.  
One Assistant Guardian.  
One Driver.

## No. 5—ST. CATHERINE STREET.

One Guardian.  
One Assistant Guardian.  
One Driver.

## No. 6—GERMAN STREET.

One Guardian.  
One Assistant Guardian.  
One Driver.

## No. 7—DALHOUSIE SQUARE.

One Guardian.  
One Assistant Guardian.

## No. 8—VISITATION STREET.

One Guardian.  
One Assistant Guardian.  
One Driver.

## DUTIES OF GUARDIANS, ASSISTANT GUARDIANS, AND DRIVERS.

It shall be the duty of the Guardians and Drivers of the Fire Police to give attendance at their respective Stations, and they shall not absent themselves without leave of absence from the Chief. The first or senior Guardians shall be entitled to a residence and a water-service at their respective stations; and the Assistant Guardians and Drivers shall have sleeping accommodations,—it being understood, however, that they supply suitable bedding at their own expense.

The members of the City Fire-Police are strictly prohibited from the intemperate indulgence in spirituous liquors and from the use of profane swearing, and shall abstain from noisy and quarrelsome conduct. They shall not, under any pretence whatever, bring spirituous liquors into any of the stations, under pain of immediate dismissal. The first Guardian of each Station shall be held responsible for the good order of his Station. He shall see that all the apparatus appertaining thereto is kept in an efficient state; he shall report all deficiencies and damage to the Chief without delay; he shall see that the watches are properly set and kept; he shall also keep a book, or journal, shewing the daily routine of duty, according to a form to be furnished by the Chief, open to the inspection of the officers of the force; and it shall be his duty to report all irregularities, misconduct, or acts of insubordination of his subordinates.

The City Fire-Police shall not engage, either directly or indirectly, in any business or occupation, civil or military, other than that for which they are employed as members of this force; and they shall act in any capacity for which their services may be required for working engines, hose, hooks and ladders, axes, fire-escapes, &c., &c., according to the exigency of the service.

### ORDER OF WATCH.

In those Stations where there are two Guardians, the watch shall be six hours each alternately, viz.:—

12 to 6 P.M.

6 to 12 P.M.

12 to 6 A.M.

6 to 12 M.



Stations having two Guardians and one Driver, the watch shall be four hours each alternately, viz.:—

12 to 4 P.M.  
4 to 8 P.M.  
8 to 12 P.M.  
12 to 4 A.M.  
4 to 8 A.M.  
8 to 12 M.

Stations having four Guardians and Drivers, the watches shall be six hours each in succession, viz.:—

12 to 6 P.M.  
6 to 12 P.M.  
12 to 6 A.M.  
6 to 12 A.M.

When not on watch or engaged in street-watering, as is herein after provided, the Guardians and Drivers may be absent for meals, and, if married, for the purpose of attending to their families; but, with the exception of the first, leave of absence shall be first obtained.

#### STREET-WATERING.

The street-watering service having been assigned to the City Fire-Police, it shall be the duty of the Assistant Guardians and Drivers to perform such service, when not occupied in the duties of firemen; it being provided, however, that the men whose watch occurs between sunset and sunrise shall not be liable to work the water-tanks.

#### HOSE-CLEANING.

In addition to the ordinary duties assigned to Guardians and Drivers, the staff of the Central Station shall be charged with the cleaning and repair of the hose. The hose to be brought to the Station, changed, and taken away by the Guardians or Drivers of the several stations.

### DRESS OF CITY FIRE-POLICE.

The members of the City Fire-Police shall provide themselves with such uniform dress as the Fire Committee shall prescribe, and they shall wear such dress when upon duty. Should the members, however, fail to provide the uniform prescribed by the Committee, the Chief shall order the same; the cost to be deducted from the pay of the members for whom it shall be so provided. Any variation of dress, according to the occasion and season of the year, will be ordered by the Chief.

### DUTIES OF CHIEF.

The Chief shall give attendance at the Central Station every day (Sundays excepted), from 9 A.M. till 12. He shall command the entire force at fires; shall issue orders at his discretion to the Police at several stations, in consonance with the City Fire By-Laws, and with the provisions of these regulations. He shall be empowered to suspend any member of the force for misconduct or disobedience of orders, which shall be immediately reported to the Committee with a full statement of the reasons for the course pursued. And, as the executive officer of the Fire Committee, he shall communicate the orders of said Committee to all parties concerned.

It shall be his duty to keep a journal of the operations of the Department in all its parts, and present a synopsis of its working to the Fire Committee quarterly, and shall report annually in detail,—enumerating the losses which have occurred; the causes of fires, when known; the occupation or business carried on; the supposed value of property destroyed, whether real or personal; together with such observations and recommendations as he may deem fitting to promote the efficiency of the Department.

### DUTY OF ASSISTANT.

It shall be the duty of the Assistant to aid and assist the Chief at fires, and to take the entire direction in his absence; and to give attendance at the office (Central Station) every day from 1 o'clock until 8 P.M.

He shall inspect the several Stations twice weekly, in rotation; he shall aid the Chief in keeping the journal and order-book of the

Central Office; he shall compile statements from station-books; and generally render all possible assistance in conducting the business of the Department.

### DUTY OF FOREMAN.

It shall be the duty of the Foreman to aid the Chief and Assistant at fires by conveying and enforcing their orders. In the absence of the Chief and Assistant, he shall have direction of operations; he shall have charge of street-watering service, and keep a record of the daily duty performed by the staff of each station, embracing the enumeration of the streets watered, number of days work performed, quantity of water used, and any other matters which may be of interest in connection with the efficient performance of this duty; and at the close of the season he shall render to the Chief a full report of operations. When not employed in this Department, he shall aid the Chief and Assistant in the duties which devolve upon them respectively; and for this purpose, shall report himself at stated periods, as ordered by the Chief at the Central Office.

### GENERAL RULE.

Every member of the City Fire-Police, including Chief, Assistant, and Foreman, shall devote their entire time and energies to the duties appertaining to their respective offices. The violation of this rule shall expose the delinquent to immediate dismissal.

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## CITY FIRE COMPANY.

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The CITY FIRE COMPANY shall be divided into three Sections of twelve Firemen and six Supernumeraries.

The FIRST SECTION shall be under the immediate command of the Captain, and its rendezvous or rallying-point shall be the Central Station.

The SECOND SECTION, of an equal number of men, shall be placed under the immediate command of the First Lieutenant; and their place of meeting shall be No. 3 Station, Wellington Street.

The THIRD SECTION shall be constituted like the former, under the immediate command of the Second Lieutenant, and shall meet at No. 8 Station, Visitation Street.

When all or any portion of this Company are called out for duty, it shall be under the immediate command of the senior company officer present, who shall be directed by the Chief or Assistant.

#### DUTIES OF CITY FIRE COMPANY.

The duties of the City Fire Company shall be such as the exigency of the particular case may require. They shall be liable to operate fire-engines, work hose, raise or place ladders, demolish wooden erections, and generally to do any duty which may be required of them for the extinguishment of fires.

It shall be the duty of the Captain and Lieutenants to maintain the discipline and efficiency of the Company, and they shall be held responsible therefor.

The several sections of the City Fire Company shall turn out according to the rules established for the City Fire-Police, viz. :—

##### *First Alarm.*

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| No. 1 District..... | 1st Section. |
| No. 2 District..... | 2nd Section. |
| No. 3 District..... | 3rd Section. |

##### *Second Alarm.*

|                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| No. 1 District, <i>west</i> ..... | 1st and 2nd Sections. |
| No. 1 District, <i>east</i> ..... | 1st and 3rd Sections. |
| No. 2 District.....               | 1st and 2nd Sections. |
| No. 3 District.....               | 1st and 3rd Sections. |

##### *Third Alarm.*

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections.

The Roll must be called by the Chief or Assistant, or in their presence, and absentees will be liable to fine or drawback of pay for non-attendance according to the following scale, viz.:—

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Captain.....      | \$1.50 |
| Lieutenants ..... | \$1.00 |
| Firemen .....     | 0.50   |

Supernumerary members will be entitled to pay, when supplying the place of absent members, provided, however, that not more than twelve men are returned as present for each section of the Company.

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## FIRE-ALARM TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

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The Chief Operator shall have sole control of apparatus connected with the Fire-Alarm, Water and Police Telegraph. He shall be empowered to direct the working of said Fire-Alarm Telegraph in every particular, and shall be held responsible to the Fire Committee for the efficiency of the establishment.

Each Operator shall be required to perform a duty of sixteen hours per diem,—eight hours active and eight hours as assistant,—and to be at all times subject to such extra service as may be necessary for the proper working of the system.

Upon the requisition of the Chief Operator, the Chief of Fire Department shall furnish men from the City Fire-Police for the purpose of setting or erecting poles, or for any other duty of a like nature which may be required.

### ALARMS.

The alarm of fire shall be communicated to all the Stations. The Fire-Police and section of City Fire Company within the District indicated only to turn out upon the FIRST ALARM; the force of the other districts, however, to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the fire if required.

*District No. 1.*—Upon a second alarm in No. 1 District, *west* of St. Joseph and St. Urbain Streets, No. 2 District shall turn out to assist No. 1 District. If the fire shall occur *east* of said line, No. 3 shall turn out.

*District No. 2.*—Upon a second alarm in District No. 2, District No. 1, *west* of St. Urbain Street, shall turn out to their assistance.

*District No. 3.*—Upon a second alarm in District No. 3, District No. 1, *east* of St. Urbain Street, shall turn out. In all cases, the whole shall turn out upon a *third alarm*.

#### SIGNALS.

*For a First Alarm*—The signal-box number will be struck five times in succession.

*For a Second Alarm*—The number will be repeated three times after the first signal shall have been given.

*For a Third Alarm*—The number will be repeated twice after the first and second signals have been given.

Should an alarm be given from a second signal-box, in the same District, it shall not be considered a second alarm, with the view to call out a greater force,—but if it shall occur in a different District, then the force assigned to that District to proceed immediately to the place indicated.

#### UNIFORM, CITY FIRE POLICE.

It is ordered that the dress of the City Fire Police shall consist of the following, viz :—

*Cap*—Leather regulation.

*Shirt*—Red Flannel.

*Pantaloons*—Dark Mixture.

With Waist Belt.

#### COLOURS.

1st. District—*Red*.

2nd. do. —*Green*.

3rd. do. —*Blue*.

In addition, an India Rubber Poncho Over-all for winter.

**CITY FIRE COMPANY.**

The City Fire Company shall wear such uniform as they may adopt, provided, however, that it shall be of the same pattern, the several sections being distinguished by the colours of the Districts to which they may have been assigned.

By order,

**ALEXANDER BERTRAM,**

*Chief. F. D.*